

MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUSPENDING OR DISCONTINUING TRANSITIONAL CARE UNIT SERVICES

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I. **PURPOSE**: To define the process for suspending or discontinuing T.C.U. services within the continuum of Montana State Hospital Services.

II. POLICY:

- A. Access to treatment and rehabilitative service settings on the campus of the Montana State Hospital is through the written order of an attending physician.
- B. Patients served by the Montana State Hospital will not have services suspended or discontinued due to a rule violation. However, an attending physician, with consultation with members of the treatment team, may change the course or the treatment and treatment setting to best serve patient needs.
- C. Rule violations of a patient in the T.C.U. care setting will trigger an evaluation of appropriateness of care setting for that patient.

III. **DEFINITIONS**: None

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Attending Physician: Determines and writes orders to the care setting best able to serve a patient's needs.

V. PROCEDURES:

- A. The T.C.U. staff will notify the attending physician of rule violations.
- B. The attending physician will determine the current needs of the patient and the appropriateness of the T.C.U. setting.
- C. If the physician determines another service setting is better able to address the patient's needs, the physician will meet with the patient to discuss:
 - 1. the reason for the change in care setting,

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	2.	2. the conditions that must be met to return to the T.C.U. setting,		
	3.	to remind the patient if they feel their rights are being violated, they can file a patient grievance,		
	4.	and what care setting services, if any, will continue to b	e provided.	
VI.		REFERENCES : Administrative Rules of Montana for Mental Health Center: Policies and Procedures 37.106.1908		
VII		COLLABORATED WITH : Director of Quality Improvement and Public Relations, Director of Nursing Services, Team Leaders, and Medical Director		
VII	I. RESCISSIO 15, 1999.	RESCISSIONS : Policy #TCU-07-99-N, <i>Suspending or Discontinuing TCU Services</i> dated Jun 15, 1999.		
IX.	DISTRIBU	DISTRIBUTION: TCU Policy and Procedure Manuals		
X.	REVIEW A	REVIEW AND REISSUE DATE: January 2006		
XI.	FOLLOW-U	FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: RN Supervisors of the Montana State Hospital Mental Health Center.		
XII	ATTACHM	ATTACHMENTS: None		

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